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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA: ONAN'S Q AND A SESSION WITH
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1. AFTER READING STATEMENT (REFTEL) AT PRESS CONFERENC IN
LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 7, UMIT SULEIMAN ONAN, TURKISH-CYPRIOT
DELEGATION LEADER TO LATEST ROUND OF CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN
VIENNA, MARCH 31-APRIL 7, TOOK QUESTIONS FROM PRESS.
UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF HIS Q AND A SESSION FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

Q. MR. ONAN, MR. PAPADOPOULOS HAS COMPLAINED THAT YOU HAD
NOT COMPLIED WITH CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS THAT YOU WERE TO
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NEGOTIATE CONCRETELY AND MEANINGFUL ESPECIALLY ON THE
TERRITORIAL ISSUE. COULD YOU COMMENT ON THAT?

A. I WILL AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ASKING ME THIS
QUESTION. GENTLEMEN, I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU VERY
SINCERELY THAT THE TURKISH SIDE, AT THIS SIXTH
ROUND MEETING HAS CARRIED OUT WORD FOR WORD EVERYTHING THAT

THEY HAD UNDERTAKEN TO DO AND CARRY OUT. IF THERE IS A MISUNDERSTANDING, THAT MISUNDERSTANDING IS NOT AND CANNOT BE REFRRED TO THE TURKISH COMMUNITY. IF THERE HAS BEEN A MIS-COMMUNICATION THAT WAS NOT THROUGH MYSELF OR THROUGH MY NEIGHBOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH FEDERAL STATE MR. DENKTASH. WHAT WE HAVE SAID TO THE UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES IN CYPRUS WAS THAT. I DON'T WISH TO ACCUSE THEM AND PLEASE DON'T TAKE IT AS AN ACCUSATION. WE ARE ALL

HUMAN BEINGS AND WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES, THAT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED. BUT I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE FAULT IS NOT ON THE TURKISH SIDE. WE WERE TOLD VERY CLEARLY THAT WE WERE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE A CONCRETE PROPOSAL ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THE GREEK SIDE WAS REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEIR MAP ON THE TERRITORY AND WE WERE GOING TO GIVE OUR VIEWS ON THE MAP REGARDING THE PRINCIPLES WHICH WEE LAID DOWN ON THE FOUR GUIDLEINES REACHED BETWEEN ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND PRESIDENT DENKTASH ON THE 12OF FEBRUARY, THAT IS ON THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY, ON THE PRODUCTIVITY, ON THE SECURITY AND ON THE OWNERSHIP OF LAND WHICH, I ASSURE YOU, I HAVE DONE. I HAVE REFERRED TO EVERY POINT AND, IN FACT, LET ME TWLL YOU DURING THE PAST WEEK WE HAD ABOUT ELEVEN MEETINGS, I BELIEVE, IF NOT LESS. AND THEN DURING THE ELEVEN MEETINTS I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT NOT LESS THAN FIVE OR SIX OF THOSE ELEVEN MEETINGS HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO DISCUSSING ECONOMIC VAIBILITY, PRODUCTIVITY AND SECURITY MATTERS OF THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE UNFAIR AND UNJUST, MR. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAPADOPOULOS, IF HE REALLY FOR THE SAKE OF PROPAGANDA HAS SAID SUCH A THING. I HAVENT'S SEEN HIS STATEMENT. AM MERELY TRYING TO COMMENT ON WHAT YOU HAVE TRIED TO CONVEY TO ME. I WOULD SAY IT WOULD BE MOST UNFAIR AND UNJUST FOR MR. PAPADOPOULOS IF HE WERE TO SAY SUCH A THING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS WHEN THIS MATTER, THIS VERY MATTER, WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH IN THE VERY PRESENCE OF HIS EXCELLENCY, THE SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM AND WHEN THIS MATTER WAS RAISED AND DISCUSSED AT LENGTH IN THE VERY PRESENCE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MR. PEREZ DE CUELLAR AND THIS MATTER IS KNOWN BY THE INTERESTED AMBASSADORS AS WELL AND NOBODY, I CAN ASSURE YOU, HAS TRIED TO ACCUSE ME OR MY SIDE OF HAVING FAILED

IN OUR MISSION OR IN OUR DUTY OR THE PROMISE OF THE UNDERTAKING WHICH WE HAVE GIVEN. SO I MUST SAY IT IS WRONG. I WOULD NOT LIKE USING ANY OTHER WORDS BECAUSE IT IS NOT IN MY CHARACTER TO USE BAD WORDS ABOUT ANYBODY. I WOULD ONLY SAY MOST

UNFAIR, MOST UNJUST, IF TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS TRIED TO
ACCUSE MY SIDE.

Q. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ALL THE CRITERIA , PRODUCTIVITY,
AND VIABILITY, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE CYPRUS TERRITORY
DO YOU WANT TO HAVE UNDER YOUR CONTROL? DO YOU WANT TO
HAVE UNDER YOUR CONTROL THE ACTUAL TERRITORY UNDER
TURKISH OCCUPATION?

A. WELL, AS I UNDERSTAND, I DID NOT COME HER TO DISCUSS
THE PERCENTAGE. I DID NOT COME HERE TO DISCUSS THE
TERRITORY. I CAME HERE ONLY TO DISCUSS THE MAP WHICH
MR. PAPADOULOSE SUBMITTED AND OFFER MY VIEWS ON THE BASIS
OF THE PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMIC VIABILITY, PRODUCTIVITY AND
SECURITY MATTERS WHICH I HAVE. FOR INSTANCE, IN MY VIEW,
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TOMR. PAPADOPOULOS, THE MAP WHICH HE
HAS SUBMITTED FROM THE SECURITY POINT OF VIEW IS VERY MUCH
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VULNERABLE IN MY VIEW. FROM THE PRODUCTIVITY OR ECONOMIC
VIABILITY POINT OF VIEW, I DID NOT GO INTO THE DETAILS BUT
JUST IN REFERENCE I BELIEVE MOST OF THE PRODUCTIVE AREAS WHICH
ARE IN THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE ARE INTENDED TO BE
TAKEN BY THE GREEK SIDE. THESE ARE THE ONLY THINGS THAT I
CAN HAND TO YOU BECAUSE I DID NOT COME HER TO SAY THAT THIS
IS THE PERCENTAGE ON WHICH WE CAN AGREE NOR DID I COME HERE
WITH THE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS OF PUTTING A DELINEATION, A
LINE ON THE MAP TO SHOW TO THE GREEK SIDE THAT THIS SHOULD
BE THE AREA WHICH WOULD BE IN THE TURKISH HANDS OR IN THE

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GREEK HANDS.

Q. MUST WE CONCLUDE THEN THAT YOU NEED ALL THE AREAS ACTUALLY UNDER TURKISH OCCUPATION?

A. WELL, I DON'T KNOW (WHETHER - ED.) WHAT I HAVE SAID MEANS OR AMOUNTS TO THAT THING. I DON'T KNOW. MAY I SAY THIS. MY LEADER, MR. DENKTASH, THE PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE, HAS REPEATEDLY SAID FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THAT ADJUSTMENTS ARE GOING TO BE MADE. I CAN SAY ONLY THAT MUCH. WHAT THAT ADJUSTMENT MEANS IS ANYBODY'S GUESS. I WOULDN'T LIKE TO COMMENT BUT I CAN ONLY SAY VERY HONESTLY AND SINCERELY THAT I DIDN'T COME HERE WITH THAT INSTRUCTION AND THAT WAS VERY WELL KNOWN BY THE UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES WHICH I BELIEVE THEY COMMUNICATED TO MR. PAPADOPOULOS OR THEY OUGHT TO HAVE COMMUNICATED. IF THEY DID NOT COMMUNICATE, THEN I CAN'T BE BLAMED AND IT WOULD BE UNFAIR, UNJUST, IF ANYBODY TRIES
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TO SAY THAT UMIT ONAN CAME HERE AND DID NOT CARRY OUT HIS MISSION OR HIS DUTIES WITHIN THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO HIM. THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY.

QM THE SIZE OF THE TERRITORY OF THE TWO STATES, TWO REGIONS --

A. YES.

Q -- ONE OF THE KEY QUESTIONS IN THESE TALKS --

A. WAS IT ONE OF THE CHIEF QUESTIONS --

Q. YES.

A. YES, CERTAINLY, CERTAINLY, ONE OF THE MATTERS IS THE TERRITORY AND THE OTHER IS THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECT.

Q. YES, IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE TERRITORY, IS THERE A POSSIBILITY TO GO ON WITH THE TALKS?

A. YES, THERE IS. WE WILL TALK ONLY IN NICOSIA. WE WILL CONTINUE WITH IT.

Q. ARE YOU HOPEFUL?

A. I AM QUITE HOPEFUL. THERE IS, WELL, LET ME PUT IT TO YOU, SIR, YOU SEE I DON'T PERSONALLY SEE ANY OTHER SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM EXCEPT BY TALKING. AND BY TALKING ONE TRIES TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER. LET ME TELL YOU DESPITE THE FACT AS I UNDERSTOOD AGAIN, OUR FRIEND, MR. PAPADOPOULOS TRIED TO PUT A VERY GLOOMY PICTURE BEFORE YOU. I WOULD SAY THIS. THE REALITY IS IT IS THE VERY FIRST TIME THAT THE GREEK SIDE HAS PROPOSED A MAP. IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE SHOWN OUR REACTION TO A MAP. AND LET ME TELL YOU THIS MUCH. I DID NOT KNOW IN NICOSIA BEFORE I LEFT CYPRUS WHICH AREA THE GREEK SIDE WANTED TO TAKE AND HOW MUCH OF THE AREA THEY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WANTED TO TAKE. SO WE DID NOT PREPARE OURSELVES AND AS I SAID BEFORE, THE REASON IS THAT THERE WAS THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UN REPRESENTATIVES THERE AND MY LEADER. SO TO SAY THAT BECAUSE WE DID NOT GIVE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TERRITORY OR ANY ANSWER ON THE MAP THERE WAS NO MEANINGFUL OR SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS IS WRONG. I THINK THE BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED BETWEEN MAKARIOS AND DENKTASH HAVE BEEN GONE INTO AND IT WAS IN MY VIEW A VERY USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION BECAUSE IN ANY CASE AT ANY TIME WE WERE BOUND AND ARE BOUND TO DISCUSS THESE POINTS AT LENGTH. SO, IT IS ALSO THE FIRST TIME THAT THE TURKISH SIDE HAS SUBMITTED A WRITTEN CONCRETE PROPOSAL ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC TO WHICH THE GREEK SIDE HAS ALSO GIVEN THEIR VIEWS. THEY HAVE UNDERSTOOD OUR VIEWS, SOMEHOW -- THEY HAD TRIED TO COMMUNICATE THEIR VIEWS TO US -- WE HAD TRIED TO COMMUNICATE OUR VIEWS TO THEM. I BELIEVE, AND LET ME REPEAT -- ALTHOUGH I HAVE SAID THIS MANY TIMES, I BELIEVE THAT A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES HAS STARTED AND IT IS IN THIS WAY THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN PROCEED AND PRODUCE FRUITFUL AND MEANINGFUL RESULTS. LET ME TELL YOU THIS MUCH ALSO. YOU ARE ALL QUITE EXPERIENCED IN THAT AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR, PARTICULARLY IN EVENTS LIKE THIS, REGRETFULLY, NEGOTIATIONS DID TAKE A VERY VERY LONG TIME. I DON'T MEAN AND I DON'T EVEN HOPE THAT IT WOULD TAKE SO LONG BUT WHAT I MEAN TO SAY IS WE MUST NOT BE PESSIMISTS AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD BE. ON THE CONTRARY, I BELIEVE THIS ROUND OF TALKS HAS PRODUCED IN MY VIEW MUCH BETTER RESULTS THAN THE PREVIOUS ROUND OF TALKS HAD PRODUCED. THAT IS WHY DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE DID NOT YET FIND A DEFINITE COMMON GROUND, I DO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TRIED AND HAVE GONE FORWARD. THAT IS MY SINCERE BELIEF AND I STAND TO BE CORRECTED.

Q. YOUR VIEWS ARE STILL VERY DIVERSE.

A. CERTAINLY, I HAVE STATED SO.

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Q. WHAT MAKES YOU BELIEVE THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WILL BE ANY MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN THIS ONE, IF YOUR VIEWS ARE SO WIDE APART?

A. WELL, MAY I SAY THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THEY HAVE LISTENED TO OUR VIEWS ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE, ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE. FOR INSTANCE, THIS VERSION OF THE FEDERATION

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BY EVOLUTION. THIS IS AN EVOLUTIONARY FEDERATION. WE SAY THAT THE LESSER POWERS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND THE POWERS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WOULD, IN THE COURSE OF TIME, BY EVOLUTION, BY THE LAPSE OF TIME, BY THE INCREASE OF CONFIDENCE AND TRUST, WOULD BE GIVEN MORE POWERS. THIS IS

IN A WAY POSSIBLY A NEW CONCEPT. THIS CONCEPT EXISTED IN SOME OTHER CONSITUIONS. THE OTHER DAY I STATES SO BUT LET ME REPEAT AGAIN. IN THE UNITED STATES THIS FEDERATION STARTED FRUTHER BACK THAN WE. IT IS STATED WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR A CONFEDERATION BUT IN THE UNITED STATES IT STARTED WITH A CONFEDERATION. IN SWITZERLAND IT STARTED WITH A CONFEDERATION. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR A CONFEDERATION -- WHAT WE ARE AIMING FOR IS A FEDERATION WITH LIMITED POWERS AND AFTER A LAPSE OF TIME MORE POWER SHOULD BE GIVEN OR VESTED IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. SO THERE ARE EXAMPLES IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES. NOW, MY REPLY TO YOUR BASIC QUESTION WOULD BE THIS. BY TALKING AND BY UNDERSTANDING ONE ANOTHER'S POINT OF VIEW, ONE CAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRY TO SETTLE THIS PROBLEM, I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER WAY THAN BY TALING. WITHOUT TALKING, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN -- THAT WOULD BE A VERY GLOOMY PICTURE AND I DON'T THINK IT WOULD TAKE US, NEITHER THE TURKISH SIDE NOR THE GREEK SIDE ANYWHERE, AND LET US ALSO ACCEPT THAT THIS GENERATION IN CYPRUS OF BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS HAVE A DUTY TOWARD THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO ESTABLISH A NEW CYPRUS ON A GOOD FOUNDATION IN ORDER TO HAVE A BETTER AND CLOSER COOPERATION AND IN FRIENDSHIP, NOT IN HOSTILITY.

Q. MR. ONAN. IF THERE IS A NEW ROUND IN VIENNA, WOULD YOU PRODUCE ANY MAP IN RESPONSE TO THE MAP PRESENTED BY THE GREEK SIDE?

A. I WOULD SAY, LET ME NOT COMMIT MYSELF. POSSIBLY YES. IF MATERIAL IS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE LEADERS OR BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE TWO COMMUNITIES, CERTAINLY. MAY I SAY AS I HAVE CARRIED OUT MY DUTIES AND MY MISSION THIS TIME WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON, I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE TURKISH COMMUNITY WILL CERTAINLY, AS IN THE PAST, HONOR THIS COMMITMENT AND CARRY OUT ITS MISSION.

Q. DO YOU EXPECT ANOTHER MAP FROM THE GREEK-CYPRIOT COMMUNITY - A NEW MAP?

A. I WOULD THINK YES, ON THE BASIS OF WHAT HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO THE GREEK SIDE, I SUPPOSE THEY SHOULD THINK THEY HAVE A DUTY TO PRESENT A MORE REALISTIC MAP, ON THE BASIS OF WHAT HAS BEEN CONVEYED.

Q. WHAT'S A MORE REALISTIC MAP?

A. WELL, IT IS A VERY RELATIVE TERM, YOU MAY SAY. BUT A REALISTIC MAP HAS BEEN IN A WAY CONVEYED TO THEM ON THE BASIS OF THOSE THREE SHORT PRINCIPLES WHICH I HAVE TRIED

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TO ENUMERATE BEFORE.

Q. MR. ONAN, MR. PAPADOPOULOS SAID HE DID NOT GET ANY NEW INFORMATION IN THIS CONFERENCE. IS THIS TRUE ACCORDING TO YOUR OWN OPINION? WHAT IS YOUR STATEMENT ABOUT THIS?

A. I RESPECT MR. PAPADOPOULOS' VIEWS AND STATEMENTS. I THINK IF THAT WERE SO, WHY DID WE CARRY ON THE NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE FOR FIVE OR SIX MEETINGS, NOT HOURS, FOR FIVE OR SIX MEETINGS CONTINUOUSLY AND HE REPLIED ON THE POINTS WHICH I RAISED, HE WENT TO THE TROUBLE, I MUST CONFESS, HE WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF FINDING STATISTICAL DATA AND REPLIED TO THE POINTS WHICH I HAD RAISED WITH HIM AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING. IN FACT, MY REPORTS, WHICH I HAD RAISED, WERE ALSO BASED ON STATISTICAL DATA. IF WHAT I HAVE CONVEYED TO MR. TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS WERE NOT NEW MATERIALS, THEY ARE NOT NEW POINTS, WHY DID HE TROUBLE HIMSELF TO GET THE STATISTICAL DATA, PAGE AFTER PAGE, AND MAKE ME WRITE 10 OR 15 PAGES AT EVERY MEETING. SO, I DON'T KNOW IF MY REPLY IS SUFFICIENT TO YOUR QUESTION, SIR. LET ME TELL YOU THERE ARE CERTAIN STATISTICAL DATA WHICH I HAVE CONVEYED TO MR. TASSOS, THERE ARE CERTAIN MATERIALS OR STATISTICAL DATA AND INFORMATION WHICH HE CONVEYED TO ME TO WHICH I'M AFRAID WE HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO REPLY AT THIS VIENNA MEETING. SO, IT (THE NEXT MEETING - ED.) WILL BE A CRUCIAL MEETING WHEN BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE TO REPLY TO THE POINTS RAISED BY THE OTHER SIDE.

Q. DO YOU THINK THAT THE GREEK TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL -- THE MAP -- IS JUST MERELY AN INITIAL BARGAINING POSITION WHICH POSSIBLY THE GREEKS THEMSELVES DON'T TAKE SERIOUSLY?

A. I THINK THAT IS TRUE, MR. MCKENZIE. THAT IS WHAT I BELIEVE AND WHAT I HAVE BEEN TOLD. WE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN UPSET BY THE MAP PRODUCED. IT IS THE BARGAINING POSITION.

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THEY INTENDED TO PRODUCE A BETTER MAP BUT OF COURSE MR.
PAPADOPOULOS VERY RIGHTLY COULD NOT SAY THIS. I HEARD IT FROM
OTHER VERY RELIABLE SOURCES SO I DID NOT GO FURTHER. THAT IS
TRUTHFUL AND LET ME TELL YOU, OF COURSE, FROM VARIOUS OTHER
PEOPLE, OR RAHTER LEADERS OF VARIOUS OTHER GOVERNMENTS. THE
INFORMATION WE HAVE IS THAT THEY HAVE PROPOSED VARIOUS OTHER RATIOS
OR VARIOUS OTHER PERCENTAGES TO THEM. SINCE I DID NOT HAVE
THAT PROPOSAL FROM MR. PAPADOPOULOS, IT WOULD BE UNFAIR
FOR ME TO MAKE A COMMENT ON IT.

Q. DO YOU EXPECT THE OTHER SIDE TO CHANGE THE MAP ACCORDING TO
WHAT YOU SAID AND ARE YOU ALSO GOING TO CHANGE YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL
POSITION ACCORDING TO WHAT--

A. I WILL CERTAINLY CONSIDER THE POINTS RAISED BY MR. PAPADOPOULOS
AS REGARDS MY CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS. WE WILL CERTAINLY BEAR IT
IN MIND AND TRY TO FRAME IT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR IDEAS
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OF PRINCIPLES. THE VERY REASON FOR
THIS EXERCISE WAS TO GET COUNTERVIEWS, COUNTERPROPOSALS
AND SO, TO TRY TO MEET THE OTHER SIDE'S POINTS.
IF YOU CAN MEET SOMEWHERE AND I DO BELIEVE THAT IS THE
PURPOSE OF THESE EXERCISES-THAT WE CAN TRY TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER
AND FIND A COMPROMISE OR WHAT YOU CALL A SOLUTION.

Q. WHAT HAS BEEN THE ROLE OF ALL THESE OBSERVERS HERE IN
VIENNA MR. ONA?

A. WHICH OBSERVERS?

Q. THERE WERE SOME OBSERVERS.

A. I HAVE MET VARIOUS (REPRESENTATIVES OF ED.) COUNTRIES OF THE WEST. WELL, I SUPPOSE THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING HOW THE TALKS ARE GETTING ON AND WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN ANY PROGRESS. THAT'S ALL. THEY JUST WANTED TO KNOW. THERE HAVE BEEN NO OTHER PSECIFIC REASONS.

Q. HAVE YOU NOTICED ANY CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDE OR ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS THE CYPRUS PEACE NEGOTIATIONS?

A. WELL, QUITE FRANKLY, IF YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT THEY ARE TAKING CLOSE INTEREST--IN FACT, THEY HAVE BEEN TAKING SUCH INTEREST FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. I WOULDN'T SAY THEY HAVE CHANGED. I HAVE ALSO SEEN THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE HERE. HE HAS JUST BEEN TALKING AND LISTENING TO US AND LISTENING I AM SURE TO THE VIEWS OF THE GREEK SIDE AS THEY DO IN CYPRUS OR IN ANY OTHER PLACE. SO I WOULDN'T SAY THEY HAVE CHANGED OR DONE ANYTHING BAD AND IF I AMY SAY THAT, YOU CAN BE ASSURED, CERTAINLY. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE, VERY KIND AND NICE AND HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD LISTNERS. THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING ELSE, I WISH TO ASSURE MY GREEK-CYPRIOT FRIENDS HERE. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN DOING HARM BY COMING AND SEEING US. NOT ONLY ARE THERE AMERICANS BUT THERE ARE OBSERVERS WHO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE BEEN HERE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

Q. A BRITISH ONE?

A. WELL, THEY ARE FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND LET ME TELL YOU I MET THE VARIOUS OTHER DIPLOMATS AS WELL. LET ME SAY THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SO IND BY OFFERING US HOSPITALITY. THEY ALSO

SHOWED INTEREST THAT WE REALLY TRIED TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM. EVERYBODY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PROBLEM SETTLED HERE AND IF THEY COULD PROVIDE ANY HELP OR IDEAS THEY WOULD DO SO.

Q. DID THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT MR. SCHUSKIN INDICATE AT ALL HIS VIEWS ON YOUR PROPOSALS?

A. HE HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE PROPOSALS AND I AM SURE HE HAS TAKEN NOTE OF MR. PAPADOPOULOS'S PROPOSALS. EVERY COUNTRY WHICH HA BEEN INTERESTED IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM HAS COME AND SEEN US. NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES CAME TO SEE US SO I DON'T THINK WE NEED GO OVER IT. IT IS ONLY FAIR AND I HAVE HAD NO COMPLAINT FROM ANYONE OF THEM..

1. YOU MADE A PROPOSITION FOR AN INTERIM SOLUTION CONCERNING THE NICOSIA AIRPORT. WOULD YOU BE READY TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER INTERIM SOLUTIONS FOR OTHER QUESTIONS?

A. DURING THESE TALKS I HAVE MADE TWO PROPOSALS. ONE IS THE
OPENINF OF THE NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND A PAPER WAS
SUBMITTED BY US TO THE GREEK SIDE TO WHICH MR. PAPADOPOULOS
REPLIED IT IS OUTSIDE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND HE DOESN'T WISH
TO DISCUSS IT. BUT NONETHELESS I DO MOTT SINCERELY HOPE THAT THEY WIL
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CONSIDER IT IN NICOSIA AND WE BOTH WOULD BE ABLE TO OPEN THE NICOSIA
AIRPORT TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC AS BEFORE ON AN AGREED BASIS
AND WE COULD OPERATE IT. THE OTHER PROPOSAL WHICH I SUBMITTED-AS YOU
WILL OBSERVE EVEN DR. WALDHEIM DURING HIS RECENT STATEMENTS HAS SAID
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THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IS A PROBLEM WHICH NEEDS TIME IN ORDER TO BE
SETTLED. AND IT WOULD BE WRONG TO EXPECT QUICK SETTLEMENT IN A FEW
MEETINGS AND SO ON-SO THE FACT THAT IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME, WE
THE TURKISH SIDE HAS PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT TRANSIT-
IONAL GOVERNMENT SO THAT BOTH SIDES COULD START COOPERATING TOGETHER
FROM NOW AND IN A SPIRIT OF BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION AND
HELP BOTH SIDES TO UNDERSTAND AND SEE ONE ANOTHER'S POINT OF VIEW
FROM A CLOSER ANGLE. TO THIS ALSO I AM AFRAID THE GREEK'S SIDE REPLY
WAS IN THE NEGATIVE.

Q. THE TRANSITIAONAL GOVERNMENT, IS IT THE SAME PROPOSAL AS BY
MR. DENKTASH?

A. I HAVE NOT GIVEN ANY DETAILS. I HAVE MADE A GENERAL PROPOSAL
AND MADE THIS A QUALIFIED THING AND THAT IS WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUS
S
THE CONDITIONS, THER TERMS, HOW IT SHOULD BE
ESTABLISHED. LET US DISCUSS IT BETWEEN OURSELVES. BY A COMMITTEE OR
BY THE TWO LEADERS

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OR BY THE REPRESENTATIVES. WE SAID WE ARE QUITE PREPARED BUT
I HAVEN'T GIVEN ANY DETAILS OF HOW IT SHOULD BE FORMED.

Q. I WAS ASKING THIS QUESTION TO SEE WHETHER YOU COULD DISCUSS
OTHER INTERIM SOLUTIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NEW TOWN OF FAMAGUSTA.

A. WELL, I DON'T KNOW. THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY PROPOSAL MADE
TO ME SO I CANNOT SAY AT THE MOMENT WHETHER WE WOULD DISCUSS
IT OR NOT. IF THEY ARE MADE - THEN ANY PROPOSAL THAT IS MADE
WOULD BE WORTH CONSIDERING. EVEN IF IT IS IN THE NEGATIVE OR
THE POSITIVE IT MUST BE CONSIDERED. SO I EXPECT MY PROPOSALS
WOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED. IF THEY HAVE ANY OTHER PROPOSALS,
THEY WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY US, CERTAINLY.

Q. MR. PAPADOPOULOS CLAIMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES
THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS FROM YOUR SIDE THAT DURING THESE
TALKS THE TURKISH-CYPRIOTS WOULD NOT LIMIT THEMSELVES TO COM-
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MENTING ON THE GREEK-CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS AND EXPLAIN-
ING WHY THEY REJECTED THEM. NOW, WERE SUCH ASSURANCES GIVEN
OR WERE THEY NOT?

A. I HAD EXPLAINED IT BEFORE BUT I DON'T MIND EXPLAINING IT
ONCE MORE. I AM AFRAID THAT WHAT MR. PAPADOPOULOS HAS SAID
DOES NOT REFLECT THE TRUE PICTURE. THE TRUTH IS THAT THE UNITED
NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES IN CYPRUS HAD SEEN OUR LEADER, MR.
DENKTASH, HAD CONVEYED TO HIM VERY CLEARLY AND WITHOUT ANY
EQUIVOCATION, LET ME SAY, WITHOUT ANY DOUBT ABOUT IT, WE
WERE ONLY GOING TO COMMENT ON THE POINTS AGREED UPON BETWEEN
MAKARIOS AND DENKTASH AS REGARDS TERRITORY AND NOTHING ELSE.
I HAVE DONE THAT DUTY OF MINE, I BELIEVE, VERY CLEARLY SO
THERE IS NO LACK OF DUTY OR LACK OF MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION
OR NEGOTIATION. IF ANYTHING WENT WRONG, IT DID NOT GO WRONG
FROM THE TURKISH SIDE. PLEASE BE ASSURED ABOUT IT.

Q. MR. ONAN, YOU SAID YOU DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE TERMS OF THE GUIDELINES. THE GREEK SIDE HAS CIRCULATED SOME DATA CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND. DID YOU PRESENT TO THIS MEETING YOUR DATA CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP?

A. WELL, I THINK WE HAVE GONE INTO THE DEPTH OF THE MATTER.

Q. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, MR. ONAN, WHICH DOCUMENTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS THE CORRECT ONES CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP OF LAND. BECAUSE THERE ARE VERY WIDE DIFFERENCES CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP OF LAND --

A. YOU SEE IN MY VIEW, THESE ARE MATTERS -- I AM NOT A LAND REGISTRY OFFICIAL. I AM NOT AN ECONOMIST NOR IS MR. PAPA-DOPOULOS. I HAVE MY ECONOMIST HERE, I HAVE MY LAND REGISTRY OFFICIAL, I AM SURE HE HAS GOT ON HIS SIDE THE SAME PEOPLE HAVING THE SAME CAPACITY. BUT WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN IS THAT THESE OFFICIALS SHOULD SIT DOWN AT A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSS AND TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT IS THE CORRECT THING. THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE. WE HAVE ALSO PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MIXED COMMITTEE TO TRY TO FIND OUT CERTAIN MATTERS, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTED BY MR. PAPADOPOULOS.

Q. DURING THESE MEETINGS?

A. YES, DURING THESE MEETINGS.

Q. COULD YOU ELABORATE ON THESE SUBJECTS - WHICH SUBJECTS DID YOU PROPOSE?

A. ON ECONOMIC AND PROPERTY MATTERS, I BELIEVE.

Q. IT WAS TWO COMMITTEES?

A. IT WAS ONE. WELL, I BELIEVE IT WAS ONE COMMITTEE. BUT THEY DIDN'T WISH TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE AT THIS STAGE.

Q. DO YOU FEEL THAT THE ROLE OF THE ATHENS GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN HELPFUL OR UNHELPFUL OR HAS THERE BEEN NO ROLE AT ALL?

A. WELL, YOU SEE, MR. MCKENZIE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT ROLE THE ATHENS GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING AT THE MOMENT. I BELIEVE THERE IS CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE GREEK ADMINISTRATION IN CYPRUS BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT ROLE MR. KARAMANLIS OR HIS GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING SO I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE FAIR OF ME TO MAKE ANY COMMENT IN THAT RESPECT.

Q. THANK YOU.

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